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Thomas M. Dorman, Executive Director
Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
P. O. BOX 615
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RE: Administrative Case No. 2002-00456
Contract Service Agreements by Telecommunication Carriers

This refers to your letter dated December 19, 2002.

Enclosed for filing are one (1) original and five (5) copies of Response to Commission Staff Data request.

If there are any questions, please contact **Eileen Bodamer** at **770-649-1886**.

Sincerely,

John C. Schmoldt
Director of Operations

Enclosures
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF)
CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS) ADMINISTRATIVE
BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS) CASE NO. 2002-00456
IN KENTUCKY)

GEARHEART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A COALFIELDS TELEPHONE
COMPANY
RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF DATA REQUEST

On December 19, 2002, the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") initiated Administrative Case No. 2002-00456 for the purpose of examining the use of contract service agreements ("CSAs") by telecommunication carriers in Kentucky. In initiating PSC Case No. 2002-00456, the Commission requested interested parties including incumbent local exchange carriers to respond to a number of questions and additionally provided for the option for those companies not wishing to participate in this proceeding to request to opt-out of the proceeding. With this filing, Gearheart Communications, Inc. d/b/a Coalfields Telephone Company ("Coalfields") responds to questions asked by the Commission.

Question #1:

Each telecommunications carrier named in the service list hereto shall respond to the information requested in Appendix C hereto no later than February 5, 2003 or, in the alternative, shall file with the Commission a statement that it does not wish to participate in this proceeding, together with a full explanation for the request.

Response #1:

Coalfields did not enter into any CSAs during 2001 and 2002 and does not anticipate entering

into any CSAs in the near future.

Question #2:

Each telecommunications carrier named in the service list hereto shall comply with the procedural schedule in Appendix B hereto or, in the alternative, shall file with the Commission a statement that it does not wish to participate in this proceeding.

Response #2:

Coalfields requests to be released from participation in this proceeding because it does not currently utilize CSAs, does not anticipate using CSAs in the near future and seeks to avoid the administrative, legal and regulatory costs of participating in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,



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